U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Information and Privacy

Telephone: (202) 514-3642

Washington, D.C. 20530

Mr. Ryan Wood
Wood Enterprises
701 12th Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Re: Appeal No. 01-1394
RLH:ADW:KMF

Dear Mr. Wood:

You appealed from the action of the Headquarters Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on your request for access to records concerning Otis Otto Benson, Jr.

After carefully considering your appeal, and as a result of discussions between the FBI and a member of my staff, I have learned that the FBI mistakenly advised you of the destruction of records responsive to your request. Upon further search, the FBI has located one file responsive to your request, which has now been processed. These records either have been or will soon be made available to you directly by the FBI. If you are dissatisfied with the FBI's action on these records, you may appeal again to this Office.

In light of these facts, I am closing your administrative appeal in this Office.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Huff
Co-Director

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
AND
PRIVACY ACTS

SUBJECT: OTIS OTTO BENSON JR.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

FORM APPROVED
BUDGET BUREAU NO. 38-R001

PERSONNEL SECURITY QUESTIONNAIRE

INSTRUCTIONS - All sections must be completed - Write none when applicable - Type or print all answers. If space not adequate for complete answers, attach a supplemental sheet to this form.

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle)
Benson, Otis O., Jr.

2. OTHER NAMES (Include maiden name, if married woman)

3. NORMAL HOME ADDRESS OR PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE FOR PAST 15 YEARS
4428 S. 34th St., Arlington, Virginia

4. ALL OTHER PERMANENT ADDRESSES FOR PAST 15 YEARS. (Apt. or R.F.D. No., Street, State, and dates there)
7/1/30-5/1/32 Fitzsimmons Gen. Hosp., Denver, Colorado
6/2/33-7/20/37 Sta Hosp, March Fld, Calif
9/1/37-10/1/39 " " Schofield Bks, TH
10/15/39-5/20/40 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn
9/15/40-4/15/43 Aero Medical Lab, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio
4/16/43-6/4/45 Med. Theater of Operations
12/1/45 -to date Air Surgeon's Office Hq, AAF, Washington, DC

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5. DESCRIPTION (Check which) ☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE

RACE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	COLOR EYES	COLOR HAIR
white	5' 7½"	155	hazel	brown

6. (Check which) ☐ SINGLE ☐ DIVORCED ☒ MARRIED ☐ WIDOW(ER)

7. BIRTH DATE

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
14	Sep	1902

8. BIRTHPLACE (City, County, State or County)
Sandstone, Pine County, Minnesota

8. CITIZENSHIP United States
IF NATURALIZED: DATE
No (American born)
CERTIFICATE NUMBER
PLACE
IF ALIEN: PORT OF ENTRY (8/4)
DATE
ALIEN REGISTRATION NUMBER

10. DRAFT CLASSIFICATION
None
BOARD NO. AND ADDRESS

11. SOCIAL SECUTITY NO.
None

12. MILITARY SERVICE

SERIAL NUMBER	BRANCH	FROM	TO (Yr.)
0-18632	Medical Corps	1930	Date

LEGAL RESIDENCE WHEN DISCHARGED
Still in the Army SE 13

13. EDUCATION (All schools above elementary)

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	FROM	TO (Yr.)	DEGREES
Antioch Academy	Yellow Springs, Ohio	1917	1920	Diploma
U. of Montana	Missoula, Montana	1920	1924	B. A.
U. of Iowa	Iowa City, Iowa	1924	1925	M. S.
U. of Chicago	Chicago, Illinois	1925	1930	M. D.

14. EMPLOYMENT (List all employment and dates)

TYPE OF WORK	NAME OF EMPLOYER (COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION)	ADDRESS (where employed)
Military	U. S. Army (since Jul 1, 1930 Student prior to above date)	

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14. EMPLOYMENT (Cont'd.)

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15. FOREIGN COUNTRIES VISITED *(Since 1930) (Exclusive of military service)*

COUNTRY	DATE LEFT U.S.A.	DATE RET'D U.S.A.	PURPOSE
Mexico	1932		(4 days) Pleasure
Panama	1939		(2 days) Pleasure

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16. ALL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

NAME, ADDRESS, TYPE *(Inclusive dates and any office held)*

Phi Sigma - National Biological Society
Delta Tau Delta Social fraternity
Local Scholarship fraternity (Phi Beta Kappa equivalent,) U. of Montana
Honorary Sophomore Society
Nu Sigma Nu Medical fraternity
Alpha Omega Alpha - Honorary medical fraternity
Fellow, American Medical Association
Fellow of the American College of Physicians
Fellow of the Aero Medical Association
Member - Army-Navy Club (Washington, D. C.

17. RELATIVES *(parents, spouse, children, brothers and sisters, living or dead)*

RELATION	NAME IN FULL	ADDRESS	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	PRESENT CITIZENSHIP
Father	Dr. Otis O. Benson	Wilmar, Minnesota	U. S.	U. S.
Mother	Minnie Sprague Benson	Deceased	"	"
Wife				
			"	"
Son			"	"
Sister			"	"

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18. REFERENCES *(Name three persons, not relatives or employers, who are well acquainted with you)*

NAME	ADDRESS	YEARS KNOWN
	Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota	8 years
	The Air Surgeon, Hq, AAF, Washington 25, D. C.	12 years
	Office of The Surgeon General, War Dept., Washington 25, D. C.	15 years

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19. ARRESTS *(Include all arrests and fines other than minor traffic violations)*

CHARGE	DATE	WHERE COMMITTED	DISPOSITION
None			

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CERTIFICATION

I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED ABOVE IS CORRECT AND COMPLETE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

DATE _____ USUAL SIGNATURE OR MARK OF EMPLOYEE _____

TO BE FILLED OUT BY AGENCY OR FIRM EMPLOYING

AGENCY OR FIRM TO EMPLOY APPLICANT: **Atomic Energy Commission**

ADDRESS: **Washington, D. C.**

BRIEF JOB DESCRIPTION *(Job Title and Duties - not to include classified information)*

AEC - AFSWP

Radiological Safety Training Committee

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WILL APPLICANT HAVE ACCESS TO RESTRICTED INFORMATION? *(Check which)*
☒ YES ☐ NO

WILL APPLICANT WORK IN RESTRICTED AREA? *(Check which)*
☒ YES ☐ NO

FINGERPRINT CARD ATTACHED? *(Check which)*
☒ YES ☐ NO, OR F.B.I. FINGERPRINT FILE NUMBER *(if known)*

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Wayne A. Blair
SIGNATURE OF APPROVING AUTHORITY (OFFICIAL OF EMPLOYING COMPANY CERTIFYING AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYMENT

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BUREAU

FILE NO. 116-6753

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
WASHINGTON, D. C.	8/28/47	8/26,28/47	[redacted] BKL

TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
OTIS O. BENSON, JR. - 17 - 35500	ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

CC TO: COC-OG
REC'D: 3-29
ANS:
BY: Bkp KK

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REFERENCE: Bureau File 116-24442
Bureau Letter dated August 12, 1947

DETAILS: NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTIGATION

The following people were interviewed in the vicinity of BENSON'S home: [redacted] S. 34th Street, an [redacted] S. 34th Street [redacted] S. 34th Street, all of Arlington, Virginia. All of these people stated that Mr. and Mrs. BENSON are excellent neighbors, persons of moderate habits, good moral character and that they considered the BENSON'S to be loyal and patriotic citizens. None of them furnished any derogatory information concerning the BENSON'S.

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MILITARY SERVICE

The records of the United States Army were checked and the following information was obtained. BENSON became a First Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve, United States Army on June 6, 1930, serial number [redacted]. He was made a First Lieutenant in the regular Army

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Medical Corps on July 21, 1931. He has been in the regular Army since that time and is presently a Colonel assigned to the Headquarters of the Army Air Forces at Washington. He has been awarded the Legion of Merit and Cluster for the Fifteenth Air Force in the Mediterranean Theater. He was awarded the Bronze Star for service in Italy on January 5, 1945. His efficiency reports have been superior and the file contained no derogatory information.

REFERENCES

[redacted] Office of the Surgeon Gener[redacted] Department and [redacted] Deputy Air Surgeon, [redacted] Force were interviewed and reported substantially the followin[redacted] mation. They stated that they have known Colonel BENSON and h[redacted] for a number of years and they have been assigned to various army posts and installations with Colonel BENSON over a period of about fifteen years. They stated that BENSON is a person of unquestioned integrity who has had a number of assignments involving confidential work. They stated that his services have been entirely satisfactory. They stated that both Mr. and Mrs. BENSON are persons of good character, moderate habits and are loyal and patriotic to the United States. Both of these gentlemen recommend Colonel BENSON for a position of trust in the government.

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It is to be noted that Colonel BENSON listed [redacted] the Air Surgeon, as a personal reference. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is presently away from Washington. He was, therefore, unavailable for interview.

CREDIT AND CRIMINAL

The records of Stone's Mercantile Agency, Washington, D. C. were checked and it was found that BENSON has a satisfactory credit rating. The file revealed no derogatory information.

The records of the Potomac Credit Bureau, Arlington, Virginia were checked with negative results.

The records of the Metropolitan Police Department at Washington and the Arlington County, Virginia Police Department were checked with negative results.

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August 12, 1947

AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY

SAC, Washington Field

RE: OTIS O. BENSON, JR. - 17 - 35500
ATOMIC ENERGY ACT - APPLICANT (✓)
EMPLOYEE ( )

Dear Sir:

You are instructed to conduct an immediate, thorough, discreet investigation concerning the character, associations, and loyalty of the above-named individual in accordance with the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act of 1946. The original and four copies of the report are to be transmitted to the Bureau by special delivery, and by air mail unless ordinary mail is equally speedy, so as to reach the Bureau not later than August 29, 1947.

Present address: Air Surgeon's Office Hq., AAF, Washington, D.C.
Birthdate and birthplace: September 14, 1902, Sandstone, Pine Co., Minn.
Race: White
Social Security Number: None
Record from Manhattan Engineer District or Atomic Energy Commission: None ( ) Attached (✓)
Record from Identification Division: None (✓) Attached ( )
Record from Bureau files: None (✓) Attached ( )
Position involved: Military Personnel, AEC, Air Forces, Special Weapons Project, Washington, D. C.

Care should be taken not to disclose the fact that the applicant is being considered for work in connection with the Atomic Energy Program.

St. Paul - Resided: Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, 1939 to 1940. Reference: b7C [redacted] Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, known 8 years.

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Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Form No. 1
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT BUREAU ST. P. FILE NO. 116-879

REPORT MADE AT	DATE WHEN MADE	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE	REPORT MADE BY
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	8/28/47	8/21,27/47	[redacted] cmo

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OTIS O. BENSON, JR. - 17 - 35500

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: [redacted] "An investigation by the FBI, concluded on 9/2/47, revealed no pertinent derogatory information. This is the result of a request for an FBI file check only and is not to be considered as a clearance or recommendation of the individual involved." RR 5/11/66 Jak Jac

REFERENCES: Bureau File 116-2442.
Bureau letter to Washington Field dated August 12, 1947.

DETAILS:

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD. DISSEMINATION.

NEIGHBORHOOD

It was ascertained that the applicant while in Rochester, Minnesota, resided at the Hillside Apartments, Apartment 305, from November, 1939, to May, 1940. [redacted] of the Hillside Apartments, was interviewed and advised that there is no one on the floor where the applicant lived who knows him, as all the parties who lived on that floor have since moved. She stated she did not know the applicant and could furnish no information as to anyone in the building who might know him.

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REFERENCE

The records of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, were checked which reflected that the applicant was associated with the Mayo Clinic from January 21, 1939, to June 3, 1940, and that while at the clinic he [redacted] was interviewed and advised he has known the applicant since his arrival at Rochester, Minnesota, in 1939. He stated applicant was a medical army officer and was doing research work at the Mayo Clinic. He advised he considered applicant's character, reputation, and loyalty above reproach, and he knew of no derogatory information in connection with the applicant. [redacted] stated he would not hesitate to recommend him for any position of confidence.

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CREDIT

The records of the Olmstead County Businessmen's Association, Rochester, Minnesota, were checked with negative results as to the applicant.

CRIMINAL

There was no record of the applicant in the files of the Rochester, Minnesota, Police Department.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/20/68

FROM : SAC, SAN ANTONIO (62-0)

SUBJECT: POLITICAL LITERATURE FROM FRANCE
RECEIVED BY DR. OTIS O. BENSON, JR.,
SOUTHWEST RESEARCH INSTITUTE, SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau is a political leaflet and envelope addressed to "Mr. Otis O. Benson, Jr., 8500 Culebra Rd. San Antonio 78206, USA".

On 9/20/68, Dr. OTIS O. BENSON, JR., M.D., an employee in the Biomedical Department, Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas, furnished the enclosed literature he had received from France.

Doctor BENSON stated he had no idea why he had received the literature or who would have mailed it to him. He added his name is listed in an international directory of biomedical engineers published in Paris, France, and summized this was possibly how his name and address was obtained by the persons mailing the literature.

For the Bureau's information, it is believed Doctor BENSON is identical with Major General OTIS O. BENSON, JR., who was a subject of Bufile 52-75348, San Antonio file 52-4033.

In view of the fact the enclosed literature originated in France, the foregoing is being furnished the Bureau for any action deemed appropriate.

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Mr. Otis O.Benson Jr.
8500 Culebra Rd.
San Antonio 78206
USA

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R. KENNEDY
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